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# A Spirit Flower

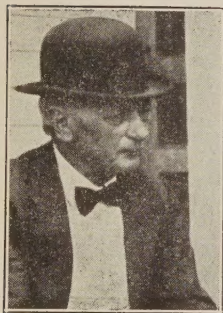
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My heart was frozen—even as the earth  
That covered thee forever from my sight  
All thoughts of happiness expired at birth  
Within me naught but black and starless night.  
Down through the winter sunshine snowflakes came  
All shimmering, like to silver butterflies  
They seemed to whisper softly thy dear name  
They melted with the tear drops from mine eyes.  
Then suddenly there bloomed within that hour  
In my poor heart so seeming dead—a flower  
Whose fragrance in my life shall ever be  
The tender, sacred memory of thee.

—Stanton

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## W. B. Otwell



To you, our many valued friends who do not know that my husband, Will B. Otwell, has passed away, I bring this message.

His earthly work of cultivating flowers and trees is over, but in that beautiful country of the soul where he has gone, there are spiritual flowers of great beauty and I am sure he is tending there, blossoms even lovelier than the ones he tended here. These earthly flowers will bloom again and welcome Spring but he who planted them will not be here to greet you this year.

Because he cared for you too and realized great happiness in his countless friends, often expressing himself as owing you, both his seen and unseen friends, an enormous debt of gratitude for your priceless friendship through the years, I would tell you more about him.

His life was like a prayer and that prayer was to be good and to do good. No one knew better than he the fine art of unselfishness. He was honorable, sensible, unassuming and undemanding—the product of fine living. He builded his character of the finest materials, knowing that nothing grows unless it is touched by the Infinite. He met life with a zest unbounded and it was his constant desire to do something worthwhile for those about him. In the growing of flowers as in many other things he willed that those flowers should bring happiness to others.

And in that last hour he was unafraid because he had lived his faith in God and now he has gone to tend flowers in the sweet fields of Eden. For his sake and for the sake of the work he loved so well I shall continue this work of love and beauty he endeavored to bring into your lives.

Winifred B. Otwell



# OTWELL IRIS FIELDS, Carlinville, Illinois

## POPULAR 1942 VARIETIES

**Alan Hoyt**—A rich brown and buff iris, early, huge flowers. Height 42 inches. 25 cents.

**Alice Harding**—A soft primrose yellow with a buff blend near the base of the falls. Large and flowering. 25 cents.

**Alpenglow**—A large purplish blue iris, falls faintly marked with white. Tall and attractive. 25 cents.

**All-u-we**—A new type variegata. Standards are yellow suffused with peach—falls long and ruddy shading into gold. 25 cents.

**Alta California**—Large clear deep yellow. One of the newest and most satisfactory grown. 48 inches. 25 cents.

**Amanacer**—A fine blend of pastel shades. 25 cents.

**Anndelia**—A lovely new plicata. Falls are white with feather stitch edging of bright rose purple. Standards lilac and beautifully ruffled. 25 cents.

**Apache**—Large rusty red flower—resembles a brown orchid. Much admired. 25 cents.

**Aphrodite**—One of the loveliest pink irises in our entire list. 36 in. Fine in every way. 25 cents.

**Argynnis**—Yellow standards, velvety violet carmine falls. 25 cents.

**Blue Banner**—A gorgeous blue bi-color. Standards bright lavender blue, beautifully frilled, falls deep rich pansy with a border of bright lavender matching the standards. 25 cents.

**Blue Triumph**—42 inches. A fine soft blue with flaring falls. 25 cents.

**Blue Velvet**—An intense rich deep blue iris, self. Velvety. 25 cents.

**California Gold**—Tallest, best, finest golden iris. 50 cents.

**Cadenza**—Beautiful tall new iris of smoky pastel shades with blue splash in center of falls. 25 cents.

**Caprice**—Five hundred women voted Caprice the second best iris on the list. Large, beautiful, fragrant magenta red. 25 cents.

**Cardinal**—Rich red purple. 25 cents.

**Chromylla**—A large beautiful flower of good form and texture in yellow chrome. 25 cents.

**Cinnabar**—Deep, velvety bi-color in rich purple. Very attractive. 25 cents.

**Clara Noyes**—A beautiful Talisman rose color. 25 cents.

**Columbine**—Nothing finer in a white iris—same quality as Aphrodite, one of its parents. 25 cents.

**Coppersmith**—Extra fine large flower of coppery red. 25 cents.

**Coralie**—A blend of bright raspberry pink with golden beard. 35 cents.

**Coronation**—One of the finest grown. Three feet. Large, yellow, fragrant. Pleases everybody. 25 cents.

**Crimson King**—Dark purplish red, almost black. 25 cents.

**Crystal Beauty**—Tall, large pure white. 50 cents.

**Cydalise**—A really lovely yellow plicata etched around the falls with chocolate brown. 25 cents.

**Dauntless**—Sold for \$35 for a single plant only a few years ago. A wonderful bloomer and a favorite with all our visitors. 25 cents.

**Depute Nomblot**—A giant in claret crimson with a slight overlay of bronze. Extraordinarily beautiful. 35 cents.

**Dogrose**—Fine large beautiful flower—pink—one of the best. 35 cents.

**Dream**—Tall, strong, stands up in rain or storm—delicate pink. Very very beautiful. You will fall in love with dream. 25 cents.

**Eclador**—A crystalline yellow iris by Cayeux. No yellow iris surpasses this one in exquisiteness of sheen. 50 cents.

**Eclat**—Ripe Apricot shade. 25 cents.

**Eloise Lapham**—Pale satiny pink self. Dainty. Free bloomer. 25 cents.

**Eros**—A beautiful salmon pink self. Fragrant. Absolutely different. 50 cents.

**Ethelwyn Durbar**—Largest and finest pink toned iris ever produced. 36 cents.

**Ethel Peckham**—A gigantic red iris. Especially fine. Fragrant. 50 cents.

**Euphony**—One of the best copper blends, old gold with soft violet. A beauty. 25 cents.

**Fascination**—A bright pink-toned variety. A large flower and one of the most popular pinks. 25 cents.

**Firefall**—Fiery red—loved by all who see it. 25 cents.

**Flamingo**—A gorgeous bronze red that overshadows all its neighbors. Can be seen a great distance. Long blooming season. 25 cents.

**Folkwang**—A truly different iris. Lilac tinged standards and brilliant pink falls. Shows a long way. Late. 25 cents.

**Freida Mohr**—This magnificent iris has probably won more first prizes than any other iris. Tall, fragrant, beautiful pink. 25 cents.

**Frivolite**—An attractive pink iris of largest merit. 25 cents.

**Fro**—Deep rich gold standards. Velvety bronze crimson falls, sweet scented. 25 cents.

**George J. Tribolet**—Dark red purple—almost black. Velvety. 25 cents.

**Gilead**—Tall buff amber blend. Broad heavy flowers of heavy substance. 25 cents.

**Golden Bow**—Long, large flowers of chrome yellow. Early. 25 cents.

**Golden Flare**—An unusually attractive blending of Talisman rose colors with a faint electric blue flush on the falls. 25 cents.

**Golden Glow**—A rich yellow self. 25 cents.

**Golden Light**—Best of the new brown blends. Beautifully ruffled. Edged with soft lilac. 35 cents.

**Gold Imperial**—A tall fine golden self. 25 cents.

**Grace Sturtevant**—Rich red brown and carmine iris. 25 cents.

**Gudrun**—Very large white iris. Early. 50 cents.

**Hernani**—A rich garnet red. 25 cents.

**Happy Days**—Deep yellow, early. Unusually fine. 50 cents.

**Imperator**—A light wine-red self. 25 cents.

**Imperial Blush**—A fragrant—soft pink iris. 25 cents.

**Indian Chief**—An outstanding brilliant red iris. Early and tall. 25 cents.

**Iris King**—Yellow with rich maroon falls. 25 cents.

**Jean Cayeux**—Unlike any other iris color. Coffee au lait shade. Soft brown self. 50 cents.

**King Tut**—A popular brilliant red toned iris. Very rich. 25 cents.

**Knyrna**—Bronze, darker falls. 25 cents.



- Legend**—A magnificent gold-bearded reddish purple iris. Huge flowers. 35 cents.
- Liberty Bell**—Tall white feather stitched with red. 25 cents.
- Lord of June**—A very large lavender blue self with yellow throat. 25 cents.
- Lycæna**—White standards. Very bright blue falls. 25 cents.
- Madame Cheri**—A violet pink of good form. 25 cents.
- Madame Gaudichau**—One of the finest growers and heaviest bloomers in the entire list. Purple self, large and beautiful. Rich in color and texture. 25 cents.
- Madame Pompadour**—Old rose. 25 cents.
- Magenta**—Bright magenta iris. Fragrant. 25 cents.
- Magnifica**—Pink toned. Handsome in every way. Good grower and bloomer. 25 cents.
- Marie Poole**—A fine all white iris. 25 cents.
- Mester**—Large velvety blue self. 25 cents.
- Midgard**—Pastel pink and yellow blend. Medium height. 25 cents.
- Morning Splendor**—One man said "If I could have only one iris it would be Morning Splendor." Large, tall, fragrant, raisin-red. 25 cents.
- Mrs. Hetty Matson**—Grey blue standards. Rich purple falls. Early. 25 cents.
- Mrs. Marian Cran**—A very tall, lovely, ruffled pink. 25 cents.
- Nanook**—An exquisite, new, ivory-colored iris with amber adges and orange veining. Most beautiful. 25 cents.
- Naranja**—A huge orange colored iris. 50 cents.
- Neptune**—A beautiful blue with lavender sheen. Falls a deeper blue. 25 cents.
- Onyx**—A very attractive and well liked iris. Cream standards and brilliant onyx red falls. 25 cents.
- Otwell's Sky Blue**—We sell more Sky Blue than any other single variety. Beautiful heavenly blue. Tall, strong and very fragrant. Stands up in the wind and rain. Fine for border. 25 cents.
- Pacific**—Large clear blue—early—magnificent. 25 cents.
- Parisiana**—A white Iris, thickly dotted with purple. Unusual. 25 cents.
- Phyllis Bliss**—White with violet falls. 25 cents.
- Pioneer**—A very large, brilliant red purple. Nothing more showy or prolific on the entire list. You will love this magnificent iris. 25 cents.
- Pluie d'or**—A very fine tall clear deep yellow. 25 cents.
- Pongee**—A uniform buff colored flower. Has the color and texture of pongee silk. 25 cents.
- Prospero**—A large free-flowering purplish blue iris. 25 cents.
- Queen Caterina**—Pale orchid blue self. Lovely texture. Scented. 25 cents.
- Rameses**—Winner of the Dykes Memorial Medal. A beautiful flower in every way. Pink blend. 25 cents.
- Rajput**—A bright violet self. A real beauty. 25 cents.
- Red Dominion**—Fine, large all red iris. 25 cents.
- Red Radiance**—A perfectly beautiful rich red, both deep and brilliant. 50 cents.
- Rhea**—Standards of lobelia violet and falls of pansy violet. Unusual. 25 cents.
- Rheingauperlé**—An exquisite flower of fine form. Soft pink tone. One of the very loveliest. 25 cents.
- Rhein Nixe**—White with purple blue falls. 25 cents.
- Rheintochter**—Blue self. Falls edged white. 25 cents.
- Rob Roy**—Rich red iris equal to Dauntless. You will love this iris. 25 cents.
- Rose Ash**—A fine early flower with a rare ashes of roses color. 25 cents.
- Rose Dominion**—Beautiful, brilliant rose color. Quite unlike most others. 25 cents.
- Rose Madder**—Bright rose madder. Tall and fragrant. 25 cents.
- Rose Petal**—A deep rose petal pink iris. Sweet scented. 25 cents.
- Rubee**—A tall rich beautiful red, of largest size. Nothing finer in the fields. 50 cents.
- Ruby Perry**—Blue orchid shade. Fine tall and fragrant. Exquisitely beautiful. Longest season. Blooms early and stays late. 40 inches. We grow nothing finer. 25c.
- Selene**—(Moon Goddess). 40 inches. A very large silvery white iris, frilled petals. 25 cents.
- Seminole**—Rich velvety crimson. None finer. 25 cents.
- Sha Jehan**—Standards soft creamy buff. Falls are a deep rich ruby red with eighth of an inch bordered in white. A most unusual and new flower. 35 cents.
- Shekinah**—A fine yellow self. Tall and ruffled. 25 cents.
- Shivassee**—Very large tall glowing red. 25 cents.
- Sierra Blue**—50 inches. A large clear blue self. 35 cents.
- Solferino**—56 inches—a large pink iris on the order of Aphrodite. 25 cents.
- Sonata**—A beautiful flower shading from buff to sulphine yellow. Falls are lilac shading to yellow. 25 cents.
- Steepway**—Iridescent. Old rose effect. Very beautiful and orchid like. 25 cents.
- Sundipt**—40 inches. A wonderfully tall straight glowing yellow. 50 cents.
- Trails End**—Bittersweet red with slightly darker falls. Unique and attractive. 25 cents.
- True Charm**—A charming plicata margined with blue. 25 cents.
- True Delight**—A beautiful white with bright pink edges. Fine form and an outstanding variety. 25 cents.
- Tuscorora**—A brilliant red toned flower that is highly attractive. 25 cents.
- Tuscany Gold**—A large well formed bronzed old gold. 25 cents.
- Varese**—A large brilliant red purple flower. Very distinctive and attractive. 50 cents.
- Venus di Milo**—Cream white. Beautiful substance. Midseason. 25 cents.
- Vert Gallant**—50 inches. A beautiful coppery red. Free bloomer. Singly or in mass it is unsurpassed. 50 cents.
- Virginia Moore**—A rich gold self. Fine for borders. 25 cents.
- Wambliska**—48 inches. (White Eagle). A white iris of heavy waxy texture. 25 cents.
- White Knight**—A beautiful truly white iris. Heavy bloomer. Late. 25 cents.
- White Queen**—Pure white and fine. 25 cents.
- Zamora**—Attractive pansy blue self. 25 cents.
- Zilia**—A fine tall pansy blue self. 25 cents.
- Zuni**—Huge flower. Rich growing red brown suffused with copper. 25 cents.

## ONE OF OUR FINEST RED COLLECTIONS

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 Dauntless                | 4 Indian Chief              |
| 4 Rob Roy                  | 4 Rose Dominion             |
| 2 Marion Cran (extra-pink) | 2 Coronation (extra-yellow) |

**20 IN ALL FOR \$2.00**

## ONE OF OUR FINEST PINK COLLECTIONS

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 Aphrodite                        | 4 Freida Mohr                |
| 4 Marion Cran                      | 4 Fascination                |
| 2 Anndelia (extra—lilac and white) | 2 Golden Glow (extra-yellow) |

**20 IN ALL FOR \$2.00**

## RED, WHITE AND BLUE COLLECTION

5 Red, 5 White, 5 Blue. All labeled.

**15 IN ALL FOR \$1.00**

## PRAIRIE STATE COLLECTION

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|--------------|----------------|
| 6 Dauntless  | 6 Pioneer      |
| 2 Trails End | 6 Indian Chief |

**20 IN ALL FOR \$2.00**

## PURPLE AND GOLD COLLECTION

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 3 California Gold | 3 Mme. Gaudicheau    |
| 3 Gold Imperial   | 3 George J. Tribolet |
| 3 Coronation      | 3 Crimson King       |

**18 IN ALL FOR \$2.00**

## POPULAR No. 10 COLLECTION

Consists of 100 Irises of the finest that we grow. 10 varieties giving a fine color assortment and a good start for an Iris garden. \$5.00.

**ALL SHIPMENTS MADE EXPRESS COLLECT**

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## INFORMATION

1. We have many Iris and Iris collections not listed in this catalog. It is usually cheaper to buy in a collection. If interested write Mrs. W. B. Otwell, Carlinville, Illinois.
2. We grow no flowers but Irises and grow them in quantity. We specialize in red Iris and pink Iris.
3. Order any time and we will ship at the best time for planting, July to November in most states.
4. We sell one dozen of any one kind of twenty five cent Iris for \$1.00—all must be one kind to obtain the dozen rate. No orders for less than one dollar accepted.
5. For several years we have paid all carrying charges. With rising costs of materials and labor this is no longer possible. We will ship all orders express collect, you paying your express company upon delivery of the package. If parcel post shipment is necessary please include sufficient to cover the postage. We pay the tax. No C. O. D. orders accepted.
6. If you wish Iris in large lots of 500 to 1000 for landscaping borders or erosion plantings we will be glad to quote prices upon inquiry.
7. Every one is welcome in May—no charges of any kind at the Otwell Iris Fields.

**MRS. W. B. OTWELL,  
Carlinville, Illinois**